

The Spartan.

SPARTANBURG.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1857.

THE COMMENCEMENTS.

STAGES FOR SPARTANBURG.

We are requested to announce to those wishing to be at Spartanburg at the Examinations and Commencements of the Female and Wofford Colleges, that Hacks and Stages will start from Laurens C. H. for Spartanburg every day (Sunday excepted) from Friday, 34-July, to and including Monday, the 6th.

Also, that those desiring to reach this place before the 34, can come by the way of the Spartanburg and Union Railroad, from which point regular mail stages start on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

The Times, Columbia; Courier and Mercury, Charleston; Journal, Camden; Mirror, Newberry; Journal, Union, will each copy one time, and charge to Female College.

THE CONCERT.

On Friday evening last Mr. Barke and Messrs. Blainell and Kierhart, of Limestone Springs Female High School, executed their announced programme, at Palmist Hall, in presence of a very fair audience of our citizens, who were generally pleased with the execution of these artists.

As our concert friends are not professionals, of course we cannot attempt a severe criticism of their performances, however well they might abide the test. Besides, starting late from the Springs, travelling through a hot sun over twenty miles of road, and arriving barely in time to dress and rush before their audience, it would be very wonderful indeed if they equalled even their ordinary efforts. And yet they made a decided hit, gave great satisfaction, and were encored in several places.

We are pleased to learn that we may expect another of these entertainments at no distant day, and we are quite sure that they will meet a still more cordial reception.

We also hear it intimated that Miss Ellen Brennan designs favoring Spartanburg with another visit and concert shortly. Her welcome is always ready, and we promise her a bumper, come when she may.

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

Our Columbia exchanges furnish us all the intelligence we have as to the action of the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina College at the late "occasional meeting"—the necessity for which grew out of College difficulties that led to the resignation of President McCay and misunderstandings between him and the Faculty. The Trustees heard statements from both parties, and by formal resolution express the opinion that there exists no issue of veracity between President and Professors, and that he stands exonerated from all imputation upon his character, and retains their confidence in his purity and integrity. The resolution relative to the Professors is less broad—merely saying that the "Board perceives no ground for any charge affecting the honor or integrity of any one of them." The Delphi phylology leaves room for an inference stronger than the affirmation, but we cannot believe that that was the design of the Board. To free themselves from embarrassment in legislating for the College, the remaining members of the faculty were requested to resign, with which request they promptly complied. It is the design of the Board to reorganize the institution in its faculty and curriculum. To this end a committee was detailed to report to the Board in November next.

This is pretty much the sum of what is made public; but there are other matters on the minutes of the Board, or on their table, deeply affecting the future prosperity of this institution. The students are in a ferment. They also have held meetings, passed resolutions, and come to conclusions as well as their governors. The dismissed professors have the sympathies of many of the students, and that sympathy is manifested in the determination of many of them not to return, and in surrounding LaBorde, Reynolds, Barwell, and Pelham, as well as by a tin pan compliment to the ex-President. And yet, notwithstanding this contempt for Mr. McCay, no strong is the sentiment of the Board in this favor, that it is understood that every professor who opposed him was removed, except Rivers, who also came very near being deposed. It is possible that LaBorde may be reinstated, but barely so. We hear that the Junior Class presented a statement to the Board, but was refused a hearing, because its members had conspired against the President and were in rebellion. Their statement will probably find its way to the public in pamphlet form, when further light may be thrown upon the transactions which have summarily arrested the exercises of the College, and left it almost without organization.

PROF. CARLISLE.

The Trustees of the South Carolina College, at their late meeting, chose Rev. Whitford Smith, D. D., of Wofford College, Professor of Sacred Literature. If Dr. Smith accepts, this action will remove a valuable professor from our college.

A writer in the Columbia papers, signing himself "A Graduate," proposes to the Trustees the election of Prof. Carlisle to the chair of mathematics in the South Carolina College. His claims and qualifications are thus stated by "A Graduate":

"Professor Carlisle is a native of South Carolina—the graduate of the South Carolina College of the Class of 1844, of which he received the second honor, Maj. Gen. P. H. Nelson, of Sumter, taking the first. Throughout his collegiate career he was distinguished for his mathematical ability. For a few years after graduation, and before his election to the Wofford College, he devoted himself to teaching, in which time he acquired an enviable reputation. Since his election to the Wofford College he has given ample evidence of the wisdom displayed in his selection by the Trustees of that institution. Besides his unusual mathematical ability, he is one of the most gifted speakers in our State. And what is of great moment in addition, he not only sustains now, but has sustained for a number of years, running back anterior to his collegiate course, the character of a most exemplary and devoted Christian. For thirteen years he has been giving daily proof as well of his devotion to his science as of his success in teaching the same."

OBITUARIES.

We clip the following sensible article from the Charleston Christian Advocate, and commend the advice to the adoption of all who may have to write obituary notices:

"A PLEA FOR COMPASSION.—Had we not carried the obituaries on our fourth page fully one half, they would have occupied six instead of three columns of the weekly paper. Will writers of obituaries have to mercy on any body? Why do we upon the painful task of cutting and writing up our fourth page into a grave yard, and garnishing it with tomb stones? Ten or twelve lines of obituary on paper of letter sheet size is enough for the longest obituary as a general rule. Only public characters—as an old minister for instance—should receive a longer notice. A half dozen printed lines is enough for the largest portion of those whose deaths are mentioned. The simplest fact only should be stated—those which will interest everybody's stranger as well as friend. We must again beg writers in this department to be brief. It will save us a deal of trouble, and them some unnecessary writing, and perhaps disappointment."

The Protestant Episcopal Convention in session at Austin, has elected Rev. Dr. A. H. Vinton, of Boston, Bishop of the Diocese of Texas.

ANOTHER PLAN.

But a brief period before the death of Mr. Calhoun, his great mind was elaborating expedients to avert the catastrophe of a disruption of the American Confederacy. He died, however, before giving voice to his conceptions, and only hinted the nature of his plan to those in his sick room. Common consent attributed to him the design of so amending the constitution as to provide for two Presidents—a Southern and Northern—with separate Executive prerogatives; yet even his warmest friends regarded this idea as visionary and impracticable. From that day to this Southern writers have multiplied suggestions for the pacification of the sectional controversy to no practical purpose. But how could it be otherwise? The North is settled in determination not to alter the organic laws which allow latitude of construction for continued assaults upon the political and social rights of their neighbors of the South, and they possess the power to defeat all attempts to compass such needful changes in the constitution as would define Southern rights and make them secure. But even assuming that a conservative element existed at the North to render a change possible, the South itself is not united in sentiment upon any one effective plan—neither has it confidence that a change, if effected, could for any length of time harmonize the discord which has marked the history of our country for the past thirty or forty years. With this conviction, ultra minds have labored to bring the people of the South to a contemplation of separate political existence. This, indeed, is the only way to settle the question at issue involved in slavery. As to the States, no power resides in the Government to interfere with it, however willingly abolitionism would attempt to meddle. The questions which open the subject to fanatic agitation are its extension to the territories and the recovery of fugitives. The decision of the Supreme Court and legislation by Congress have settled both these points in our favor so far as legal principles are concerned. But not so the practical. Modern colonization and the exercise of perverted State authority have entirely set aside the legal rights of the South, and frustrated the advantages designed to accrue to us by the laws. Time was when secession might have achieved a glorious triumph, and insured both peace and security—in or out of the Union. But that time has passed away, and to human prescience it is not allotted to predict its return. With no hope in the future but continued discussion, what is to be done? Shall we live on like the f, who has no care beyond the moment, or shall we seek a remedy while we possess freedom of action? If the former, cease agitation, and leave to events the development of remedies for occurring evils; if the latter, let master minds suggest a plan of movement, on a practical issue, and rouse the South to a proper appreciation of the political necessity requiring action. Let us have peace or war.

We have been led to these remarks by recent discussions upon the question of secession by the papers of this State, and particularly by an article in the last Yorkville Enquirer, from which (without endorsement) we make an extract:

"There is only one plan which has ever been suggested, to which there can be no valid objection, which embraces the entire ground; which is as comprehensive as the evil which it promises to eradicate; which is statesmanlike in its efficacy and completeness; which is a natural remedy, and operates neither to the laws of economy nor the dictates of prudence. That remedy is the creation of two nations of the present ponderous and discordant one. We object to the size only, as far as it produces geographical differences and contrary interests. And this is another reason why we do not remedy—for there is so other one which will meet it completely and successfully. Once divided, and it will be to the interest of the South to trade with the North, and the latter will be compelled to give her trade in a manner sanctioned by justice and equity. We do not believe there is any other remedy—we have no faith in the statesmanship which points the South in any other direction, and we think it but justice to ourselves, honorable to our posterity, and to the South, to bring about this issue now when we are able to effect it, peacefully and successfully."

COLUMBUS, N. C.—We have not found it convenient to visit this young town since it was in the woods and homeless, but are glad to learn that it is steadily improving. Each clear morning we can survey Tryon and the White Oak Ridge from our bed-room window, lying on the edge of the horizon, like huge monsters upon the bosom of the great deep, and remember our toilsome ascent to Horse Creek Falls, the hospitable roof of Dr. Milken the foot of Tryon, and the stirring incidents connected with the birth of Columbus. The editor of the Rutherford Democrat was there during the late court for Pick county, and we quote a few of his facts:

"Columbus is, we think, beautifully laid off, and by a little energy on the part of her citizens, will become one of the most pleasant villages in the State. Columbus can well boast of having one of the best constructed jails in the State, and the Court House, which is rapidly going up, will be one of the finest, and we think the largest, that the State has. It is constructed, we learn, on the plan of the Danmore Court House."

Judge Caldwell held the court. The Democrat, after paying a compliment to the Judge's prompt and efficient discharge of duty, says:

"Both the State and civil courts appeared to be full, and there was no little excitement in the court in regard to the sheriff failing to do his duties. However, on Tuesday morning the sheriff resigned his office. He was indicted, we were sorry to see, in the sum of \$3,500 for his appearance at the court, which he gave and was released, but owing to the amount of business on docket he did not get a trial, so he was required to give bail for his appearance at the next court, which he failed to do, and was taken into custody."

"On Wednesday morning the magistrates of the county went into an election for sheriff, which resulted in the election of Mr. George Blackwell. We trust the newly elected officer will prove to be a faithful officer."

ELDER'S CIRCUS.—This great Southern Circus commenced its exhibitions in our town yesterday (Wednesday). The following notice of their visit to Atlanta, Ga., is taken from the Examiner, of May 29, and we think the incident worthy of notice. Perhaps no avocation of life awakens kinder feelings or stronger personal attachments than the theatrical profession. A class almost to themselves, cut off from wider social intercourse, they are forced to more intimate association, and learn to bear and forbear with each other's infirmities, and practice larger charities than the rest of the world. This trait is well illustrated by the incident related:

"There is an incident connected with the visit of Mr. Eldred and his company to this place, which took place on yesterday, though mournful in its nature, yet it reflected so much honor upon him and his company, that we cannot refrain from alluding to it. In this notice, our readers will remember that some year ago and a half ago a member of his company, one Mr. Charles Lewis, of New York, unfortunately died in this place, and was buried at the grave yard in this city. Yesterday, at 10 o'clock, a. m., the whole company formed a procession, and proceeded to the grave of the departed comrade, where a solemn dirge was played over his grave, by the band, under the lead of Mons. Voland. In this tribute of respect to the deceased, we recognize an evidence of the noblest feelings of human nature, and it pleases us to record it as an act most honorable to those who participated in it."

GOVERNOR ALLSTON.—Gov. Allston (says the Charleston of the 13th) left for Charleston yesterday afternoon. His post office, until 13th July, will be Georgetown, South Carolina, at which time he will start for the Reviewers in the Upper District.

Mr. Henson was elected Judge of the 7th Brigade S. C. M., on the 9th inst.

COL. J. L. ORR.

"Col. Orr is at present in Kansas. At Leavenworth he was invited to speak, but declined. His hopes are fixed on the Speakership, and he will surely reach that position before long. He is the least in the least with the National Democratic." [Yorkville Enquirer.]

The last sentence of the above paragraph contains a most unkind and dishonoring imputation upon our Representative, and one which we cannot suffer to pass in silence. Politically we do not champion Col. Orr. His political views are well known, and he is ever prompt, on proper occasions, to give them full and free expression. We, however, defend him on the score of friendship; and because he is our Representative, and has been long honored with the confidence of this and his entire Congressional District, and can retain his present relation so long as it places him, and because, further, he is absent from home, and may not have opportunity even to see the charge implied in the above.

Col. Orr has for years occupied an isolated position before the people of the State, and his assumed unpopularity induced some of his colleagues (whose sentiments were kindred to his own) to stand not aloof from him. Indeed, we believe the Speakership of the late Congress would have been secured to Col. Orr but for the fact that the South Carolina delegation refused to enter the arena of nomination. Yet, in the midst of all this obloquy and mistrust, he never faltered in the avowal of his sentiments or hesitated in following the line of public duty as his judgment dictated. Upon no part of his past life need he look back with mortification or shame, unless it be to that time when the insincere trickery of the ultra State Rights party seduced even Mr. Calhoun for a brief time into the ranks of the Taylor Democracy. Col. Orr, listening to similar appeals, yielded his judgment for once—and only once; and his action then has furnished a stereotyped theme for assault from those who counsel him in their follies. Ever since he has thought and acted for himself, and intends to do so for the future.

Col. Orr is in the West on private business—to tally apart from politics. Happening in Memphis at the railroad jubilee, he contented himself with responding in general terms to a complimentary toast. He was also in Minnesota, and passed through St. Louis on his way to Kansas. At Leavenworth he was invited to make a speech. Had he yielded, it would necessarily have been political, and decided Southern, for he made a Southern speech in Congress on this very question of Kansas. As an editor was approaching for a constitutional convention, he prudently concluded to let the people of the Territory settle their political difficulties for themselves, without intruding foreign influences into their councils. In doing so, however, he seems to have avoided Charybdis only to run on Scylla. While, as he supposed, he was acting with the honesty of a man and the faith of a statesman, he is told at home that he was catering to the prejudices of Northern Democrats to secure their support to elevate him to the Speakership! The trade of trading Southern statesmen at the North is so well followed, that we really had no expectation that our own people would join in the hue and cry against their true men.

SPLIT IN THE NEW SCHOOL ASSEMBLY.

The action of the late Assembly of the New School branch of the Presbyterian Church, at Cleveland, on the subject of slavery, has driven from it those who have for years consistently opposed the discussion, as contrary to the mission of the Church and subversive of that harmony which should subsist among its several parts. Those who have gone out aim at effecting a national organization, embracing the same territorial area, but with the constitutional provision that slavery shall forever be eschewed and utterly excluded from its deliberations. With this view they "invite all Presbyterians, from all sections of the country, to meet in Convention in the City of Washington, on the 27th day of August, 1857, for the purpose of consultation, and of organizing a General Assembly, in which it will be distinctly understood the subject of slavery will not be introduced."

If this purpose can be carried out, it will prove much more efficient than could any mere sectional establishment. Many churches at the North and West are opposed to slavery agitation, and will doubtless join this new body, and thus increase the spirit of conservatism which is so manifestly strengthening itself both in Church and State in the non-slaveholding States.

The following action by the Trustees of the Second (New School) Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati may serve to show that the movement has reasonable prospect of success:

Resolved, That we do not desire the division of the New School Presbyterian Church.

Resolved, That we disapprove of the action of the late General Assembly on the subject of slavery, and that we disapprove of all agitation of the slavery question in the General Assembly.

THE PYRAMIDS—QUESTION SETTLED.—What a pity that such archeologists as Champollion, Gliddon, et al. genus unum, have wasted their time and labor in conjecturing the origin of the Pyramids of Egypt. Mrs. Cora Hatch, the lecturer on spiritualism, has solved the whole mystery connected with them. Unfortunately, however, for her and her believers, the pyramids are not all stone—some of them are of brick. This puts an end to her position that they are of sculptural, not architectural construction. She says:

"Adam and Eve were not the only progenitors of the human race; the flood from which Noah alone was saved with his sons was not the only flood that destroyed only the portion of the world that was guilty in those days. There have been floods there have been in different ages, and have been of nature, which have thrown up mountains and huge rocks from the bosom of the earth. In one of these convulsions a vast granite hill was thrown up in Egypt, where the pyramids stand. There were no giants in those days, but the powers, both of brain and muscle, and those giant were set to working upon this hill by thousands, chiseling and carving out of it those immense rocks as temples to the gods they worshipped."

MR. DALLAS AND THE HAYTIAN MINISTERS.—Below we publish a statement from an English paper, showing how the Ambassador to the English Court from the Empire of Hayti is treated by our Minister, Mr. Dallas.

"From every corner opera glasses were pointed towards the door, and the Belgian ambassador came up the steps, and his Belgian excellency shook him by the hand. The Haytian glared at Dallas, as if he expected a similar greeting; but a wave of the hand, directing him to pass by, was all that the representative of that republic had to do. Dallas, who had been waiting for him, took him by the hand, and the Haytian noble delighted to see the black brother. The right came under the eye, and the Haytian said, 'I am a man and a brother.' At length they met. Dallas (standing) and Van de Weyer (sitting) were on the table conversing, in the presence of the vast assembly. The black ambassador came up the steps, and his Belgian excellency shook him by the hand. The Haytian glared at Dallas, as if he expected a similar greeting; but a wave of the hand, directing him to pass by, was all that the representative of that republic had to do. 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